of the Annual Report on Public Instruction, which show the amounts given as grants for these schools and the amounts spent by the municipal councils.

(c) No.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—" In view of the fact that there are only three Muslim middle schools, will the Government consider the advisability of converting them into Government schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is not possible now."

Inadequacy of accommodation in the Government Girls' High School, Salem.

* 269 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received by the Government regarding the inadequacy of accommodation in the Government Girls' High School at Salem;

(b) whether there are proposals to construct a new building for that school; and

(c) if so, when and in which locality the building is to be constructed?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 802 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on March 25th last.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether any rented building has been taken up to meet the inadequacy of accommodation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice."

List of schoolless centres for the future location of girls' schools.

* 270 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a list of schoolless centres in respect of each taluk for the consideration of location of girls' schools;

(b) when that list was prepared, by whom and on what basis;

(c) whether the presidents of taluk boards have been consulted when the list was prepared;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints that the list was defective and it is to be revised from a practical point of view; and

(e) what the Government propose to do in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The lists were prepared in 1928, 1929 and 1930 by the Director of Public Instruction on information submitted

1st November 1933]

by the Inspectresses of Schools on the basis of the population of villages recorded in the Census Statistics of 1921 and with reference to the requirement that the village should have a population of 2,000 and above in the case of non-Muhammadan girls and 1,000 and above in the case of Muhammadan girls.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) The preparation of new lists in accordance with the Census Statistics of 1931 will be considered when the Government are in a position to sanction new schools for girls.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the population of villages is the sole criterion for the location of girls' schools?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That is the main criterion."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD:—" May I know, in view of the fact that there are several mistakes and defects in the list of schoolless centres, whether the Government will be pleased to order the preparation of any correct list?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" As I have said, the question of revising the list with reference to the new census figures, will be taken up if financial conditions make it possible to open new girls' schools."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education why the presidents of local boards were not consulted when the lists of schoolless centres for the location of girls' schools were prepared?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That was a list prepared long ago; I cannot say without notice how it was prepared."

Fall in the strength of the Higher Elementary School at Srimushnam, Chidambaram taluk.

* 271 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether children of the Adi-Dravidas were admitted into the Higher Elementary School at Srimushnam in Chidambaram taluk, and if so, how many;

(b) whether a separate shed was assigned to them; and